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Patent Number <b>6,445,669</b>	Date of Patent Issued <b>September 3, 2002</b>
Title of Invention <b>INITIALIZATION OF PHASE-CHANGE OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM</b>	
I believe said inventor(s) to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled: <b>INITIALIZATION OF PHASE-CHANGE OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM</b>	
the specification of which	
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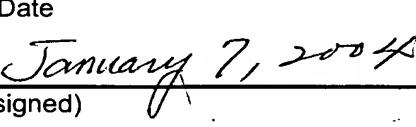
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This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.		
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Patent Number 6,445,669	Date Patent Issued September 3, 2002	
Title of Invention INITIALIZATION OF PHASE-CHANGE OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filed herein is a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b). (Form PTO/SB/96)</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Ownership of the patent is in the inventor(s), and no assignment of the patent is in effect.</p>		
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Name of assignee/inventor (if not assigned) Ricoh Company, Ltd.		
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